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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Justin P. Misleh
MAKOTO HIRAMATSU ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/853,706)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants, having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85) dated September 27, 2005, submit the following comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto.

In the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner listed reasons for allowance of the claims. However, the allowable features noted by the Examiner seem to be based on the claims prior to their amendment in the Amendment filed July 8, 2005. For example, the current version of the independent claims do not recite "acquisition result." In addition, the steps of the method claims do not always use the same terminology as the means in the apparatus

claims. Nevertheless, all of the claims are believed to be allowable for their combination of claimed features.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Williamson", written over a horizontal line.

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